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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of the **GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY (U133W)** for an order authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$2,812,100 or 32.61% in 2008; by -178,700 or -1.51% in 2009; and by \$109,900 or 0.92% in 2010 in its Arden Cordova Customer Service Area.

Application 07-01-009
(Filed January 5, 2007)

And Related Matters.

Application 07-01-010
Application 07-01-011
Application 07-01-012
Application 07-01-013
Application 07-01-014
Application 07-01-015
(Filed January 5, 2007)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
INCLUDING ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE
IN THE RECORD ON FLUORIDATION OF WATER**

Today's ruling incorporates two documents into the record. A letter addressed to me dated May 1, 2007 from Wendel Brunner, M.D., Director of Public Health, Contra Costa Public Health, is incorporated in part and a position statement issued by the American Dental Association (ADA) dated March 26, 2007 entitled, "A letter Regarding ADA's 'Interim Guidance on Fluoride Intake for Infants and Young Children'" is incorporated in its entirety.

These two documents were attached to my ruling dated August 24, 2007 and marked for identification as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively. In addition, this ruling confirms that the issue of whether the Commission should direct Golden State to fluoridate water provided to customers in the Bay Point customer service area (CSA) will be addressed in this proceeding.

Golden State Water Company (Golden State) submitted comments in response to the August 24, 2007 ruling. These comments objected to admitting into evidence those portions of Exhibit A that did not address fluoridation. Golden State also suggested that the Commission adopt a Phase II of this proceeding to address fluoridation and the related costs. Regarding the issue of fluoridating water in the Bay Point CSA, Golden State indicated it did not oppose fluoridation as long as the Commission found fluoridation in the public interest and it recovered its costs.

Golden State's position regarding Exhibit A has merit. Only those portions of the May 1, 2007 letter from Dr. Wendel pertaining to the issue of fluoridation are admitted into evidence. In the interest of conserving Commission resources and because adequate procedural mechanisms exist to address Golden Gate's concerns regarding cost recovery, the issue of fluoridation will not be postponed to a second phase of this proceeding.

This proceeding stands submitted.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Today's ruling incorporates two documents, Exhibit A and Exhibit B, into the record.
2. The issue of whether the Commission should direct Golden State to fluoridate water provided to customers in the Bay Point CSA will be addressed in this proceeding.

3. This proceeding stands submitted.

Dated October 4, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ REGINA DeANGELIS

Regina DeAngelis
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated October 4, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis